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A Lasting Legacy

A Legacy of *Inspiration*



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How do you say farewell to someone who is a living legend, an icon in Avila's history and in the annals of leadership in Kansas City? That is exactly what this issue is about, to say goodbye to S. Olive Louise Dallavis, to pay tribute to her many accomplishments, to share S. Olive stories, and to wish her well as she retires to the Nazareth Living Center in St. Louis. In the pages that follow, we hope to reflect back on the many ways S. Olive has blessed us all and touched our lives forever.

For me, as Avila's thirteenth president and the third president since S. Olive left the office, her departure is especially meaningful. It was S. Olive who so warmly welcomed me and introduced me to her friends. It was she who shared so generously and without hesitation her thoughts on the goodness of our people and the many people over the years who enabled Avila to flourish. It was S. Olive who held me up and expressed unstinting belief in what I could do and what Avila could become when we all work together. Many of us have had inspiring individuals and great coaches that have influenced our lives. S. Olive is one of them for me.

As you read these words, perhaps you are reminded of a S. Olive story, one that causes you to smile and perhaps lifts up your heart. I would love it if you would share these stories with me. I have so many that to reduce it to one would be an injustice to all of the memories that are so richly woven together in my mind that define this beautiful and remarkable woman. I have said to others that I firmly believe that she is as close as I will ever come to walking with and being touched by a saint. I know I believe as many of you believe that if S. Olive says she is praying for you, you know you could not be in better hands.

As she leaves Avila, I know our memories of her will continue to inspire and call us to our most noble selves, serving our community and improving the lives of all we touch. What better legacy could one leave?

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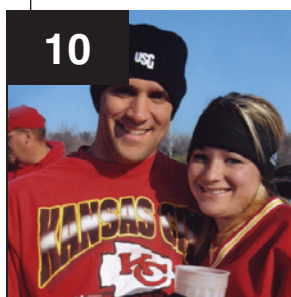
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Avila President earns leadership award

On Nov. 19, Avila University President Ronald A. Slepitzka, Ph.D., received the award for Outstanding Leader in Education from his alma mater, the University of Maryland.

"Receiving this award is very humbling," Slepitzka said. "I think that I'm a facilitator of people and the good things that happen around me are because of others working together. I'm grateful for the recognition, but awards aren't what matter most. What matters most are the institution and our students."

Each year, the University of Maryland's College of Education honors alumni that make outstanding contributions to their fields. The award for outstanding leader is presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding administrative leadership either in or outside of the field of education.

Slepitzka said that his unique educational background sets him apart from other alumni.

"It's not often that someone with a student affairs background becomes president of a university," Slepitzka said. "Most come from a faculty or university



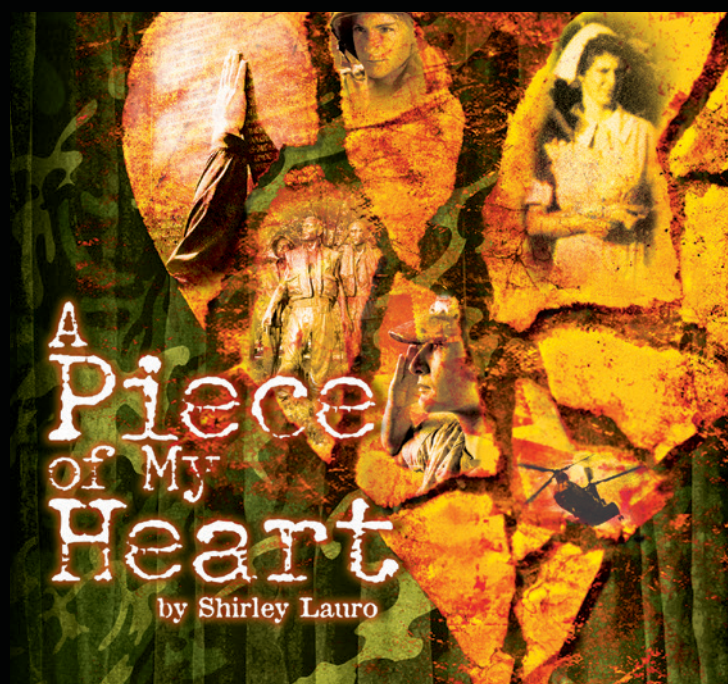
relations background. Because of my background, I emphasize the students and their development. I want to grow the university and create a close and caring community for our students.

"After receiving this award, I am even more driven toward ensuring student success," Slepitzka said. "I want students to become as successful as they hope to be and more than they ever expected to be."

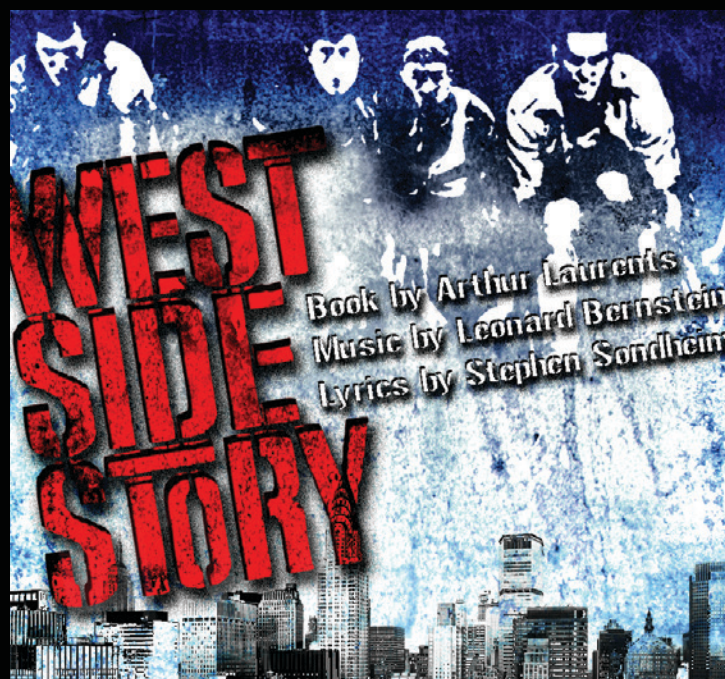
Slepitzka received both his master's degree and doctorate in counseling and student personnel administration from the University of Maryland. ▮

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Avila nursing students support the 'dear neighbor'

This year, Avila nursing students have participated in multiple flu shot clinics and health screenings in both Missouri and Kansas, living out Avila's mission to help the dear neighbor.

Last October and November, Avila nursing students gave flu shots to people in the community for the American Red Cross and participated in nine clinics. The clinics have covered many communities including Kansas City, Mo., Liberty, Claycomo, Grandview, Independence and Raytown. The students ended their volunteer service by giving flu shots on Avila's campus on Nov. 10 and 12.



These same students have also been involved in numerous health screenings in both Kansas and Missouri. Several students have assisted the nurses in the Shawnee Mission School District, conducting both preschool and elementary vision and hearing

screenings. On the Missouri side, a large group of students assisted with a health screening at the Freda Markley Early Childhood Education Center.

"Without the help of the nursing students, it would be very difficult to get all of these health screenings completed," said Lonna Boen, assistant professor of nursing. "These activities are examples of how the School of Nursing provides service to the community and reaches out to the dear neighbor."

Avila University has deep ties to the dear neighbor, adopting the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, to "... practice of all the spiritual and corporal works of mercy of which woman is capable and which will most benefit the ... dear neighbor."

Avila University President Ron Slepitz, Ph.D., explained that as an institution founded by and focused on the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Avila has broadly educated students, taught them to think, to communicate well, to understand their world, and prepared them to work with others who were most in need of their service.

"They learned to live their values and act on their faith," Slepitz said. "By the labor of these sisters, Avila has prepared students to be professionally competent, thoughtful, ethical individuals with a passion for serving others."

Boen noted that helping the dear neighbor is one of the Avila values that the School of Nursing embraces and a value that the department hopes to instill in their nursing students who will be the future caregivers in our communities. 🏠

Construction continues on new art gallery

Construction on the new Thornhill Art Gallery and S. Margaret Reinhart Courtyard kicked off this winter. The project is expected to be completed this spring.

The project will relocate the gallery to the Dallavis Center adjacent to the art department. The new gallery will feature moving display walls and state-of-the-art lighting in a space that is one-third larger than the current space in Whitfield Center. 🏠





A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER

POPE JOHN PAUL II &
THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Avila brings international exhibit, lectures and performances to KC

In spring 2009, during the exhibit *A Blessing to One Another*, the Kansas City community will have the opportunity to follow in the fatal footsteps of the victims of the Krakow Ghetto by walking through a replica of the Krakow Ghetto gate. During the exhibit, visitors share the somber mood experienced by those who desperately tried to pass through, hoping to be chosen a "worker" instead of chosen for death.

The interactive exhibit at Union Station follows the life of Pope John Paul II from his childhood through his role as pope, celebrating his contributions to relations between the Catholic and Jewish faiths. The multimedia exhibit includes videos, photographs, artifacts and personal notes handwritten by the pope, as well as the opportunity for visitors to place their hand into a bronze imprint of Pope John Paul II's hand. Just like Jerusalem's Western Wall, commonly known as the Wailing Wall, exhibit visitors are encouraged to write a prayer to be placed in the wall's replica where all notes will be gathered at the exhibit's close and sent to the real Western Wall in Israel.

Sponsored by Avila University, the exhibit is accompanied by interfaith panels, renowned lecturers and theatrical performances tied into the Pope's legacy. Community religious leaders will be speaking together to bridge the gap between Christians and Jews.

The exhibit kicked off Feb. 3, with the Harry S. Truman Lecture Series that featured exhibit co-creator James Buchanan, Ph.D., who presented "Responding to Globalization: The New Challenges for Interfaith Dialogue in the 21st Century." Michael J. Devine, director of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, opened the evening by discussing the importance of President Truman's recognition of the state of Israel.

Pope John Paul II prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem as part of his historic journey to the Holy Land in 2000.



Avila, the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee and Conception Abbey will host an Interfaith Dialogue Community Day, bringing to our community two nationally-known religious leaders who both personally knew and worked with Pope John Paul II. Father Dennis McManus, a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Interreligious and Ecumenical Affairs Committee in Washington D.C. and Rabbi James Rudin, American Jewish Committee Senior Interreligious Advisor, will discuss those experiences and a path to strengthen interfaith relationships. The Interfaith Dialogue Community Day is open to the public on Mar. 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the Extreme Screen Theatre at Union Station.

On Mar. 2, Avila, the JCRB/AJC and Conception Abbey will offer an interfaith dialogue event for clergy members only. This event will allow for more in-depth discussion on "Partings of the way: What new scholarship teaches us about Christianity & Judaism." The Interfaith Dialogue Clergy Day is open to clergy members only on Mar. 2, at 9 a.m. in the City Stage Theatre at Union Station.

Throughout the exhibit, Avila University and Theatre for Young America will co-produce the play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." This play is based on the writings of children who passed through the Terezin concentration camp in World War II. The performances will be held at the City Stage Theatre on select Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. For a complete list of performance dates and times, visit www.avila.edu/blessing/events.asp.

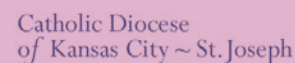
As with all Union Station exhibits, special group tours are always welcomed. Teachers wanting educational packets and information on field trips may contact Susan Walker, director of development at susan.walker@avila.edu or 816-501-2450. Other groups requesting private tours may also contact Walker.

Bringing in multiple events to coincide with the exhibit is exceptional, but what really makes this

event unique is the cost. Through the generous contributions from community partners, including J.M. Fahey Construction Company and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the traditional ticket fee for most events has been waived. With the exception of the \$3 ticket to see "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," Avila University and its partners are bringing the inspirational events and exhibit to Union Station at no cost to the public.

The exhibit itself will be on display from Feb. 3 to Mar. 27, 2009, at Union Station in the newly-renovated Arthur Stilwell Room. For more information about the exhibit *A Blessing to One Another*, special events or to volunteer, go to www.avila.edu/blessing or call Avila University Public Relations Specialist Michelle Key at (816) 501-2434. ♫

Avila offers special thanks to these community partners whose invaluable help made this event possible:




J-HOP Dedication

As fountains shot up with a purple hue and newly planted trees sparkled with lights, Avila was ready to celebrate its new “front door.”

About 100 students, faculty, staff, family and friends gathered at the dedication of the Jeanne Hamilton Olofson Plaza. The rainy weather couldn't dampen the celebration as the J-HOP was adorned with a tent for the evening festivities.

“The dedication was above and beyond anything I had expected,” said Jeanne Hamilton Olofson. “It was so beautifully done. It was absolutely spectacular.”

Olofson, who received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Avila, gave a leadership gift to Avila for the new plaza. Olofson is currently on the Avila Board of Trustees and is a member of the advancement committee. 



Jeanne Hamilton Olofson (center) celebrates with her husband, Tom (left) and son, Chris (right).



S. Olive Louise provides a blessing for the new plaza.



Jeanne Hamilton Olofson shares a moment with Avila president Ron Slepitzka (right) and project engineer Brian Gross (left).

Tom and Jeanne Hamilton Olofson appear next to the beautiful waterfalls of Avila's new J-HOP.

"On the road again..."

Joyce Ann Fox was voted our Outstanding Alumni award winner for 2008 by the Avila University Alumni Association Board Recognition Committee. Unfortunately, she was not able to join us during Eagle Days 2008 for the Awards Ceremony. Since she could not attend, we took her award to her in Texas!

Joyce received her BSN from Avila in 1966. She earned her MS in Guidance and Counseling with a specialization in Gerontology at the University of Nebraska Omaha. In her current position, she is a site visitor doing accrediting visits for home health, hospices and private duty organizations seeking accreditation from the Community Health Accreditation program. Previously, she was the Director of Hope Hospice in New Braunfels, TX. She also served as the VP of General Medicine and Oncology at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi, TX, managing 12 clinical departments. In addition to her work, she has served on five different boards including the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organizations and St. Jude's Ranch for Children.



Director of Alumni Relations Susan Randolph presents Joyce Fox '66 her Outstanding Alumni Award.

Joyce is truly outstanding for the work she has done in her community through the programs she has participated in to maintain the safety and dignity of the sick. Congratulations to Joyce on her award.

Do you know Avila alum who should be recognized for his or her achievements? Nominations are now open for the 2009 awards. Visit <http://www.avila.edu/alumni/nominate.asp> or complete the form on page 46 and make your nomination today. 📧

Phon-a-thon fun

Once a year your phone will ring with an Avila student on the line. These dedicated students are known as the Avila Eagle Callers, a critical component to the success of the Annual Fund.

Avila's phon-a-thon program is special because Avila uses its own students instead of a professional telemarketing firm. Avila's Eagle Callers are invested in their conversations with alumni, many learning more about the university, its history, and even their majors.

"I had an alum talk to me about what my major was and what I wanted to do," said sophomore Ashley Carrillo. "We talked about the election and young people in today's society. It was really a great

conversation, and I felt like I knew her my whole life."

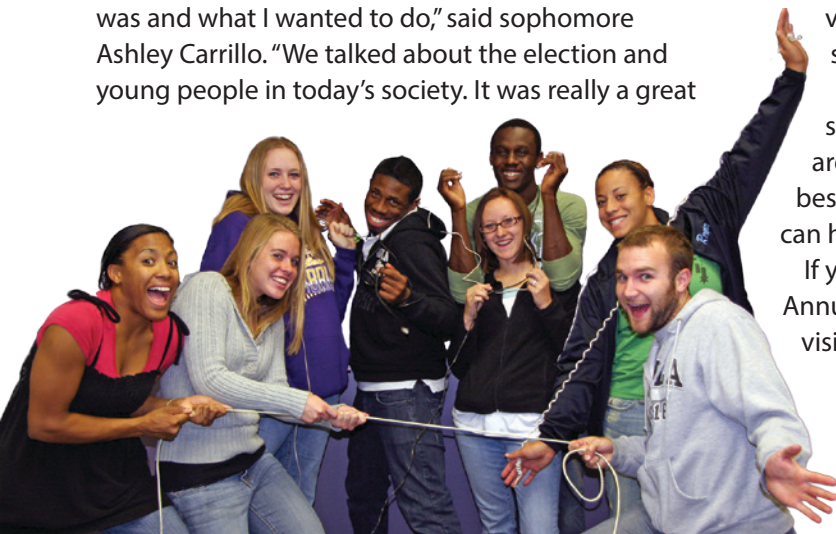
Along with sharing stories about Avila, the callers are also encouraging alumni to strengthen their participation in University events.

"I wanted to be a phon-a-thon caller because I want to interact with more alumni and help get them more involved in Avila," said freshman Ricky Davis.

The students are also calling to give more information about the Annual Fund. Financial support of the Annual Fund allows Avila to extend the reach of scholarship support, attract the best faculty, and provide programming and student activities. Your gift to the Annual Fund continues to make Avila's values-based education accessible to all qualified students.

"I want to raise money for Avila so that all students who want to be a part of our community are able to through scholarships," Carrillo said. "The best part is raising money for future students so Avila can have the same impact on them as it has on me."

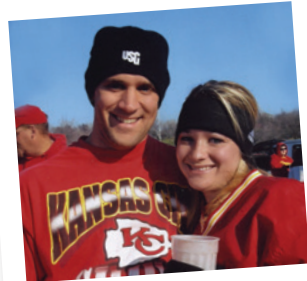
If you would like to make a contribution to the Annual Fund, please use the attached envelope or visit www.avila.edu/give/annualfund.asp. 📧



Campus Cupid



Being February, hearts are a flutter as students gather up the courage to ask "Will you be my Valentine?" This Valentine's Day, Avila alums open their hearts and share about meeting their loves at Avila.



Tyler + Laura Barr
Married: April 30, 2005

When Tyler Barr '02 and Laura Wilkerson Barr '04 met in the summer of 2000, Tyler said he saw a cute freshman soccer player that he wanted to get to know a little better.

"It was the second week of summer 2000 soccer pre-season and I was hurt and had to sit out practice that day," Laura said. "Tekia Thompson '02, the girl's team manager, noticed that her friend Tyler was also sitting out practice and decided to introduce us."

"It was my junior year during soccer preseason. After Tekia introduced us, I invited Laura over to a get-together at my house," Tyler said.

That get-together was the first time the two really had the chance to talk. Tyler lived with six other Avila soccer teammates and it was the first big party of the school year.

"At one point, I was just sitting around and Tyler came over and asked me if I wanted to dance," Laura said. "We danced and talked and stayed up almost all night. And to top it off, he called me the next day just to make

sure I got home okay."

Three and a half years later, the two went to Denver to watch the Chiefs game for Tyler's birthday.

"That was my cover-up so she wouldn't know I was proposing and taking her out to a candlelit dinner in a great restaurant by the fireplace," Tyler said. "I had never really been in love before, but after awhile I just knew."

The two have been married for over three years and say that the best part about being married is being able to share all of life's special moments with their best friend and finishing each other's thoughts and sentences. They are also excited to start a family soon.



Chris, Rhianna + Walden Thomas
Married: October 10, 2001

When Rhianna Hatfield Thomas '03 moved into Avila's dorms her freshman year, she didn't know she would be meeting the love of her life. During move in, then sophomore Chris Thomas '02 helped Rhianna move in.

"I didn't get to talk to him that day,



but I noticed him," Rhianna said.

The two had the chance to talk during a 7:30 a.m. astronomy class with Dr. Anderson.

"Chris and his roommate Nathan were in my class and so was my floor mate, Becca," Rhianna explained. "Nathan was really cute, and Becca was a flirt, so the four of us naturally ended up sitting together during labs."

One night during their astronomy lab, Rhianna felt brazen and asked Chris for his hand.

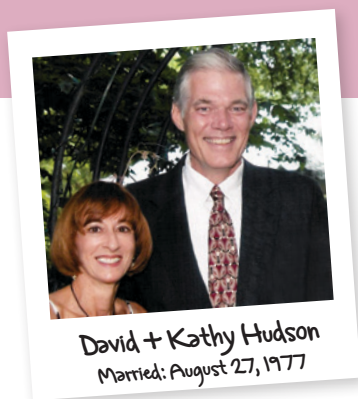
"She told me to close my eyes, and she wrote in my hand," Chris said. "She told me not to read it until I left. It said, 'You have pretty eyes.' And that was that."

The two spent their time hanging out in the dorms, going to the Red Bridge movie theatre and eating at Houlihans. The two also picked up Mr. Goodcents and had picnics at Minor Park.

"I worked at the Overland Park Arboretum, and we would walk around the park and look at the gardens," Chris said. "I would show her what I was working on, and try to impress her."

After dating for one year and two months, the two became engaged. Now married for seven years, the two are busy with their ten-month-old son Walden. Rhianna said that parenthood has brought them to a whole new level of trust and love.

"I love being married to Chris," Rhianna said. "He is always there to support me. It is the greatest gift to come home to someone who loves and understands me – and someone who will share his dessert with me."



In the fall of 1974, Kathy Lucash Hudson '75 was a senior, living on the second floor of Carondelet Hall. As students were moving into the dorms, a group of girls gathered by a window to point out the new additions to campus.

"You have to remember, it hadn't been that many years since Avila went coed so the female-to-male ratio was very top heavy," Kathy said. "This year was the first for a basketball team, (the forerunner to the Eagles, called Avalanche), and some of the team was moving into the first floor of Carondelet. My friend singled out one tall, mustached guy from her hometown and out of my mouth popped, 'That's the guy I'm going to marry.'"

That guy was David Hudson '76, a member of Avila's first men's basketball team. Kathy said that the team provided a lot of entertainment for the school. Without a gym of its own, the Avalanche practiced and played for Coach Bill Waris at St. Thomas More School. The girls cheered the team and befriended the players, enticing them to go out dancing after games.

"I wasn't the only one who had set her sights on the tall, good-looking guy, and being from a small town, I wasn't very savvy at taking the initiative," Kathy said. "But Dave and I became friends among the group and

finally, he asked me out on a real date."

David and Kathy spent their dating life meeting for meals in the cafeteria, watching TV in the student union chaperoned under the watchful eyes of Arnie, the security guard, and throwing the Frisbee in the quad. There were skating parties organized for Avila students over at King Louie West and students would drive over to Metcalf South mall.

"The students did their own organizing to places like The Merry-Go-Round or One Block West, places just over the state line in Kansas," Kathy said. "Sometimes, not quite making it back to Avila for curfew, some students were locked out and scaled the terraces to bang on the doors for the more prompt revelers to let them in – not that we ever did that."

After both graduated, David and Kathy married on August 27, 1977. They now have two daughters, Kerri and Kristie, and have moved all around the country to Kansas, Idaho, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The couple moved back to Kansas City in 1993, where it all began.

"Life has been good and we both have very happy memories of our years at Avila." 📷

If you met the love of your life at Avila and want to share your story, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Public Relations Specialist Michelle Key at michelle.key@avila.edu or 816-501-2434.

A Standing Ovation for Avila's Greatest Star

by Karen Baum

It's early morning; the sun has yet to peek over the top of the campus chapel. The parking lot of Avila University remains empty except for one lone car in the handicap spot closest to Blasco Hall. The car's driver, Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, arrives at work before most people have taken their first sip of coffee.

At 88, S. Olive's day begins around 4:30 a.m. when she rises to say her prayers. A few hours later, she's sitting at her desk in the Advancement Office. Not waiting until a respectable hour, she immediately sets about making her famous early morning phone calls. She talks to friends of the University, asking for donations for her beloved Avila, but not without first talking about the latest campus news of which she is very fond of sharing.

S. Olive's success as a fundraiser stems from her deep devotion to Avila, its mission and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Those that know her understand that "no" is not an answer she readily accepts. It is doubtful many have denied her requests, not wanting to chance offending her, or God.

S. Olive's pride and love for Avila is

evidenced by her unwavering belief that the university is the very best educational choice for young men and women. She is effusive in her praise of its students, faculty, staff, and President Slepitzka, whom she respectfully refers to as "Doctor."

Her family

Born in 1921, Meri Tulia Dallavis grew up in St. Louis, the middle of five children – the fulcrum that kept the family balanced. Never liking her middle name, she would tell people it was "Rose." Al, Frank, Meri, Ida and Bud were the delight of their Italian immigrant parents, Louis and Olivia.

"I had the most wonderful parents. I am very grateful to the Lord for them; they were simple, but very honest," she says, pausing to wipe away a tear and clear the catch in her throat. "My





mother spoke the broken English, but my father only spoke Italian. He was so darling. In the late 20s, when I was eight or nine, I would ask Papâ for a penny so that I could buy three caramels: one each for my younger sister and brother, and one for me. *'Papâ, posso avere un soldo?'* I would ask. He would reach into his pocket, pull out a small coin purse, peer inside and exclaim, *'Un soldo!'* I would hold out my hand for the precious penny. The caramels purchased at the dime store were delicious and giving one to my little brother was the only way I could entice him to play school with me. I was always the teacher. My sister would bring her dolls and she wanted to play mother. My little brother would only stay until recess when I gave him his candy. I learned very early on that you never give out treats until after recess."

Her calling to vocation

Immediately after her high school graduation in 1938, 17-year-old Meri entered the religious community. She had aspired to be an actress or a religious. S. Olive is fond of saying that when appointed in 1961 as the "acting" president of Avila College, that all her career aspirations were finally realized.

S. Olive came to Kansas City in the fall of 1952 to begin her mission at the College of St. Teresa. Called to the office of Mother Berenice O'Neill, Superior and President, S. Olive was asked what was represented by the clay replica of buildings setting on the table outside of the president's office. S. Olive looked at it and said, "The Vatican?" It was not the Vatican, but instead a model of the new college.

In 1961, when leukemia claimed the life of S. Mary Daniel Tammany, S. Olive was asked to assume the presidency of Avila College. Always obedient, she accepted the challenge and never looked back. Because S. Olive was the youngest faculty member, the older sisters were flabbergasted, especially the ones who had their Ph.Ds. "They couldn't imagine a fledgling like myself, with a degree in music, could run a college. I don't know why everyone thinks people who do music don't know anything," Sister said, laughing. "I was never afraid of taking on the role, but the first thing I needed to do was learn how to drive a car."

In the beginning, S. Olive oversaw the relocation to the new campus, ran the college, met with donors, mowed the grounds, cooked meals, made minor repairs and slept in a chair bed in the administration building. There wasn't even glass in the windows. "We were c-c-c-cold," she said, shivering at the memory. "I was so tired by the time I went to bed at night that I never had time to think about whether or not I knew what to do. I just used common sense."

Her development of Avila

S. Olive's reputation as a bold and fearless president is legendary. Like most leaders, she had her critics, but she didn't focus on the naysayers. "The cause is what's important," she said. "My job was to get money because I didn't have any. I only had tuition from the students. By golly, money should not stop a good cause!"

Her initiation into the hallowed circle of Kansas City's movers and shakers, a group dominated by men, came about when Avila's art teacher,

S. Margaret Reinhart's kiln blew up. A replacement kiln would cost nearly a thousand dollars, an astronomical expense for the new college. On the promise of acquiring a new kiln, S. Olive headed downtown to visit Crosby Kemper. Dressed in full habit, and without hesitation, S. Olive marched into the banking icon's office. The tall man towered over S. Olive and greeted her with his big, booming voice, "What can I do for you, Sister?"

Diminutive in size, but not in presence, she simply said, "I need a kiln." Kemper looked at her for a second before pulling out his checkbook. "I think he was relieved I didn't ask for more," S. Olive chuckled.

S. Olive grew to depend on the advice and mentorship of the businessmen with whom she associated. One such leader, Norman Gordon, advised her on one of her first large purchases. In 1961, when the new college was under construction, an organ builder visited her from England. He arrived at her office on the Main Street campus and asked for a contract to build a pipe organ when the permanent chapel was constructed. He asked for the sum of \$5,000 and a signed contract. Gordon advised her to make the purchase. "No harm can come of it," he said.

Other campus buildings took priority, but in 1967, the new chapel was slated for construction. Bennet held to the original contract in spite of the fact that six years later, the cost to build a pipe organ should have been \$25,000. Per the signed contract, Rose Foyle donated \$5,000 to pay for the organ. Due to a longshoreman strike, the pipes were held in the hull of a ship for two years. When the pipe

organ was finally installed, Sister de la Salle McKeon was happy to have an instrument on which to play for services and to teach. Today the organ has been appraised at over \$80,000.

When S. Olive planned the layout of the chapel, all the Sisters wanted to have an end seat. To settle the bickering, she had the architect design it with sections so that there were smaller pews, resulting in more end seats. Because of the unique design, the chapel can comfortably seat 150 worshipers.

To keep construction costs low, S. Olive used creativity and resourcefulness to acquire necessities. The chapel needed an altar and the college needed tables. S. Olive and S. Margaret rummaged through discarded marble slabs during the renovation of St. Joseph's Hospital at Linwood and Prospect. They found a motley assortment of rose-colored broken marble that had been the partitions in the public toilets. They lifted the heavy slabs and put them in their Buick, a loaner from Bud Sicht. They took the contraband to the Giudici brothers who cut and polished the marble to fit wrought iron tables built by August Gerken. It was fitting that a rose-colored marble altar should be installed in the Orscheln Chapel located in Foyle Hall, named for Rose Foyle. Today, the tables can be found in the lobby of Goppert Theatre, as well as the chapel.

In 1985, S. Olive was named one of America's Beautiful Activists and invited to Madison Square Garden for the ceremony. With her mother as her guest, they traveled to New York and stayed in the same hotel suite once occupied by Elizabeth





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Taylor and Richard Burton. "That was an experience," she reminisces. "We had a wonderful time. It was heavily publicized in New York and we were treated like celebrities. We received gifts – 'swag.' My mother was thrilled and it was fun to see how much she enjoyed it. She was so proud."

Receiving that honor revealed an unexpected secret.

The *Kansas City Star* ran a front-page feature story on America's Beautiful Activists. The day the article came out, S. Olive received a phone call from Sarah Jane Wells, the 91-year-old daughter of Mary Catherine Wells whose 50 acres were purchased at 119th and Wornall for the new college. Sarah Jane called to disagree with a quote in the article that stated the land had been purchased for \$200,000.

"I only received \$100,000 for the land," Sarah Jane challenged. "That was my inheritance." S. Olive was shocked, but didn't want to argue with Sarah Jane until she could double-check with the comptroller and confirm the purchase price. It was uncovered that the man negotiating the purchase had pocketed \$100,000 for himself.

"A thief never gets away with his crime; it comes out sooner or later. In this case, 25 years later," S. Olive said, thankful that the article in the newspaper had uncovered such a heinous crime. "If Sarah Jane had not read that article and called me, we would have never known that this crime was perpetrated. I am grateful because I made another friend and in our many conversations, learned so much about the land on which our college sits."

Her Avila heritage flourishes

One of S. Olive's many legacies includes acquiring the rights to the Harry S Truman Lecture Series. She felt that other colleges had lecture series' and that if Avila were to be in the same league, then the school needed to have one too. S. Olive admired President Truman, feeling he was an ordinary Missourian who was honest and straightforward. At the time, she felt he was an underappreciated president, but that history has proven him to be a great one. She was given exclusive rights to the name and proceeded over the years to invite many famous lecturers to the campus, including Margaret Mead, *Dead Man Walking* author S. Helen Prejean, William F. Buckley, Jr. and Nancy Kassebaum.

Another S. Olive legacy is the Steer Dinner and Auction. It started with the gift of an American Royal Grand Champion Steer, Jimmy C, named for President Carter. Donated to the college by several area businessmen, S. Olive needed to turn the gift into cash. The school cafeteria was moderately decorated, tables set and steaks served. Additional steaks were auctioned off to raise funds for student scholarships. Running for 32 years, the Steer Dinner is one of the oldest charity galas in Kansas City, and an Avila tradition. More than \$5.5 million has been raised in scholarship money. Every year the dinner officially begins when S. Olive sings, "May the blessing of the Lord be upon you. I bless you, in the name of the Lord."

On January 25, S. Olive turned 88. She feels it is a good time to retire.

"It's a nice thought to think that

you have been living this long, but you don't feel like it's been very long," she says, smiling. "There are so many memories and you realize they took time to have. At 88, I have EARNED every single minute of those memories! One experience has been just as delightful as the one before it. How did they come and go so quickly? There are a lot of small things that should be remembered but in time, they are lost."

One of the reasons S. Olive feels at peace with retiring is her belief that Dr. Ron Slepitz, Avila's 13th president, is a capable and effective leader. "Avila has received a gift. You don't find many Doctor Rons," she says. "That is not to flatter, just recognizing a solid, genuine person who is very honest. He is about the students. He has the credentials, he has the mind and he has the strength. And he'll do it," she says, barely above a whisper. She continues, choking back the tears, "You only get a gift like that from the Lord because he is perfectly suited to this campus. So here there is a legacy that Doctor will take the university forward. He is a good and sincere person."

S. Olive is looking forward to her time at the Nazareth Living Center in St. Louis. She says she's happy to leave because the university will be in good hands. She believes Avila's people are wise and good, and she's convinced that God wants the school to exist. "I leave happily because Avila is a caring community for students," she says, "and that community will continue to thrive." At Nazareth she plans to pray for Avila, convinced of its mission. "It's a good thing I was going to be an actress," she says, "because the show must go on." 🎭

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HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Dean of Students of Avila College
- 1960-1985 President of Avila
- Honorary doctorate from Avila University in 2007
- Avila University Medal of Honor
- President of the Missouri Colleges Union
- President of the Women's Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Colleges Fund
- Member of the National Executive Committee of the Independent College Funds of America
- Diocesan Board of Bishop Helmsing
- First Board of Channel 4 Love-Fund
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Trustee of the College of St. Catherine
- Appointed to the Panel of Three, resolving the impasse of the Kansas City Symphony
- Co-chaired the Citizens Panel on Kemper Arena
- Theta Sigma Phi Honoree
- Member of the Catholic Women's Club
- Shawnee Mission Medical Center Foundation Board
- Kansas City Museum Board
- Swope Ridge Geriatric Center Board
- Mayor's Task Force on Hunger
- Sister Cities Commission
- Received the Doctor of Letters Degree from William Jewell College
- Yeats Medallion from William Jewell College
- Spirit Award
- Brotherhood Citation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews
- Citizen of the Year Award from Unico
- Jefferson Award for Distinguished Community Service
- Citation from Sigma Alpha Iota for her contributions to music
- Father Herburgh Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association
- Kansas City's Business Woman of the Year
- Nationally one of the Fourteen Beautiful Activists of America
- Named Lady Commander of Merit by Pope Paul VI, the first woman religious to be so honored
- Selected as the first honoree of the Wonderful Older Woman, WOW award
- Received the Award for Excellence in Fundraising from the Kansas City Council on Philanthropy

Students kick-off their first year at Avila by participating in the Community Plunge project at Kansas City's Harvesters facility.

Avila receives national honor for community service

In February, Avila University was named to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

This recognition is awarded by the highest levels of the federal government to institutions exemplifying outstanding commitments to service and civic engagement both on campus and in the community. This year, 635 colleges from across the nation were named to the third annual honor roll.

"Avila students, faculty and staff have always distinguished themselves in their quiet, humble service to and engagement with the community," said Avila University President Ron Slepitz, Ph.D. "It's nice to receive this national recognition for these efforts. Service to the 'dear neighbor' is at the core of who we are as an institution sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. The honor roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, collectively sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

For a complete list of colleges and universities named to the third annual honor roll, visit www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll. 📄



Naming opportunities still available

Named gifts are a wonderful way to recognize individuals, organizations and companies in perpetuity for their generosity and association with the University. Avila currently has available naming opportunities available for the Jeanne Hamilton Olofson Plaza and seating/gathering spaces in the quad. We would be pleased to tailor the gift acknowledgement to your wishes.

For information, please contact Brian Moore at 816.501.2435, or brian.moore@avila.edu 📧

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Patio Seating Areas: \$5,000

Avila Quad and Fountain



Bench Plate: \$100

Fountain Plate: \$500



Patio Seating Areas: \$5,000



Avila Homecoming EAGLE DAYS



Marybeth Swartz '47, Mimi Powers '49, and Rose Marie Falco '47 share memories at the Alumni Reception.



Alumni board president Carol Jean DeFeo '68 volunteers at the tailgate party.



Students get fired up as the Eagles charge onto the field.





Students undergo hypnosis during the Eagle Madness pep rally.

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The Class Alumni Partners strike a pose. The students chose the theme "Aloha Avila" for the Homecoming celebration. The ladies learned and performed a dance for the crowd at the Heritage Day Luncheon.



S. Olive Louise greets our Homecoming guests at her last Eagle Days before retirement.



Bailey Pyle and Patrick Turk are crowned Homecoming royalty.



Members of the class of 1958 pose for a photo while celebrating their 50th class reunion.

March 7

Avila University Steer Dinner

This gala auction and dinner will be held at the Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center. Join other alumni and friends in this celebration to raise scholarship funds for current Avila students.

March 30

Alumni Association Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. in the Barefoot Room, Marian Center.
All Alumni are welcome.

May 18

Alumni Association Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. in the Barefoot Room, Marian Center.
All Alumni are welcome.

November 6–14

Alumni Trip: A Tour of Rome and Florence

Step back in time as you experience a wealth of Renaissance art and architecture in Florence while the Eternal City of Rome offers magnificent sights from almost every era of history. See the ad on the back cover for more details.

Is there a new little eagle in your family's nest?

If you gave birth to or adopted a baby born January 1, 2009, or after, have we got a gift for you! Send us the information about your special delivery along with a digital picture so that we can include your great news in class notes. In exchange, we'll send you a bib embroidered with this illustration for your new addition courtesy of the Avila University Alumni Association.

Please contact Susan Randolph, director of alumni relations, at 816-501-3780 or susan.randolph@avila.edu for more information.



Weekend Getaway!
April 17, 2009

Bring your family and join your fellow Avila alumni for a weekend getaway at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, KS. Avila's reduced room rate is \$149 per night for a family suite. Four waterpark passes are included with each room. Waterpark passes can be picked up at 1 p.m. and room check-in is at 4 p.m. Join the Alumni Association for a get together at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening in the Northwest Territory A and B rooms for family fun and gifts.

To make your reservations,
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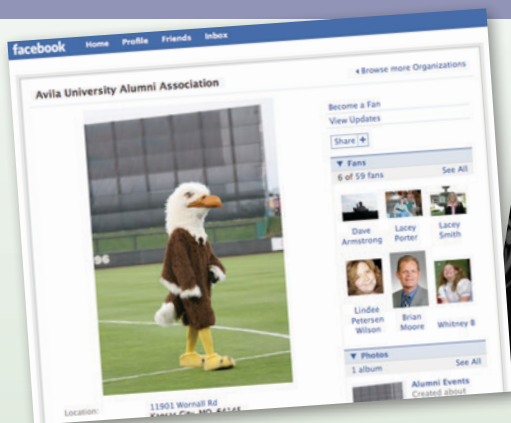
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Mark Your Calendar!

EAGLE DAYS

Avila's Homecoming Oct. 2-4, 2009

We're seeking alumni awards nominees!

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for more details

33rd Steer Dinner

*Benefitting the Annual Scholarship for the
Students of Avila University*

**March 7, 2009
Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
6:30 p.m. to Midnight**

**Tom and Jeanne '92, '94 Olofson, Honorary Chairs
Brenda and Joel Pelofsky, Event Co-Chairs
Jim and Ruth Willcox, Event Co-Chairs**

For more information about the 33rd Annual Steer Dinner,
please contact: Susan Randolph at 816.501.3780 or by email
at susan.randolph@avila.edu.

Tom and Jeanne Hamilton Olofson are the
honorary chairs for this year's Steer Dinner.



'50 Mary Pat (Immenschuh) Heller lives in Achorage, Ala., with her husband Lt. Col. Theo J Heller. They are proud great grandparents of Felice, Elias, Vienna, Kellen, Arden and Blaine.

'62 Rose McLarney moved back to Kansas City in the fall of 2008. She continues to work with the criminal justice ministry by volunteering for Catholic Charities' TurnAround program serving men and women recently released from prison. Rose graduated from Avila with a degree in nursing.

'65 Anne (Triplett) Quick continues to teach at the Fertility Care Center in Columbia, Mo. She recently used the French degree she earned at Avila to help a large family of Rwandan and Congolese refugees. She also celebrated the birth of her beautiful grandson.

'74 Deanne (Bodenhausen) Bronaugh, RN, BSN, MBA, is now the owner of Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating in Lee's Summit, Mo. It is a science-based meal replacement program.

'81 Cindy Ridings is a certified Angel Therapy Practitioner and currently works as a CRNA in California. She plans to open an Angel House Healing Center, which is a non-profit volunteer center to help anyone in need. The centers grow their own food, work together for God's will, and try to make the world easier to live in together. She invites anyone who feels called to take a vacation in California to come check it out.

'83 Albert de Zutter, who earned a Master's degree in psychology from Avila in 1983, and held a Clinical Membership in the Transactional Analysis Association, pursued a career in counseling before

returning to journalism, his first career, in 1990. During his 16-year editorship at the Catholic Key, the newspaper of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., he and his staff won over 50 awards for journalism excellence from the Catholic Press Association. De Zutter retired at the end of 2006, and now does freelance writing and photography.

'89 Ann (Wycoff) Raab passed, with honors, her written and qualifying exams for her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. She is now a Ph.D. candidate in Archaeology, and expects to defend her dissertation in 2010. Ann has been excavating 19th century sites in Bates County, Mo. Articles about her work will be appearing in upcoming issues of the Missouri Archaeological Society Quarterly in 2009, and she is also planning to attend the Society for American Archaeology.

'93, '99 Tamela Handie reunited with her boyfriend last year, after 21 years apart, and was married on February 22, 2008. Tamela earned her undergraduate degree in marketing at Avila and received her master's degree in business administration in 1999.

'94 Amy Reinert recently began work as the education coordinator for Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Mo. At Starlight, Amy works alongside the director of education to provide educational programming, including: classes, camps, scholarship programs and a high school awards program. The programs all focus on musical theatre for metro youth.

'96 Maria (Swindell) Gus has been selected to lead the Bartlesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau in Oklahoma as its new executive director. Maria served as the community relations director for

Elder Care for the past three years and has 12 years of experience in leadership and management roles for non-profit organizations. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from Avila.

'01 Michelle Waggener earned her masters degree in critical and cultural theory from Cardiff University in Cardiff, Wales. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England under the NUIPS Scholarship.

'02 Megan (Redenbaugh) Sanders and Jake Sanders welcomed Evelyn "Evey" Jean on June 3, 2008. Evey weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

'03 Ahmed Ashkar is currently an officer at an Islamic bank operating out of New York. He resides in Washington, D.C., married in 2005 and welcomed a son in 2008. Ahmed received his degree in finance from Avila.

'03 Jamie (Cox) Young married Andrew Young on November 1, 2008, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Redemptorist Church. Jamie received her degree in Communication-Media Production at Avila and currently lives in Overland Park, Kan.

'03 Tim Greenwell is living and teaching in Dallas, Texas. Tim received his master of arts in education from Avila.

'04 Jeanette (Botts) Calipetro and her husband, Keith, opened an Italian restaurant called, "Calipetro's It's Italian." It is a full-service restaurant in Lee's Summit, Mo. The recipes are original and the menu includes gelato. Find out more on the Web site: www.calipetros.com.

'04 Lauren Ellis Chiodo and J.R. Benmuvhar married on May 18, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo. The reception included performances by several of Kansas City's theatre performers. Lauren is a music graduate of Avila University and is presently attending graduate classes at the University of Kansas. The couple honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

'04 Bernard Flucke took the position of a technical consultant for Dealer Development Group Services.

'07 Alison Garlotte began the school year as the new Special Education teacher at West Platte Elementary School in Weston, Mo. Alison graduated from Avila with her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

'07 Jenyl (Hampel) Hart married Paul Hart July 21, 2007.

'07 Rachel Williams is working as a subsidy service associate for Local Investment Commission (LINC), a state-chartered, citizen-led group in Kansas City, Mo. The organization is charged with improving results for children and families through

restructuring and reforming the delivery of human services. Rachel received her degree in social work from Avila.

Micheal L. Smith was hosted as the 2008 Artist-in-Residence at the Central Resource Library in Overland Park, Kan. Micheal is an award-winning pottery artist, instructor and founder of KC Clay Guild. He attended Avila University and the Kansas City Art Institute. Micheal enjoys utilitarian work and produces a diverse line of functional stoneware and porcelain.

A Blast from Our Past. . .

Do you recognize these students?

If you can tell us anything about this picture (names, date, event, etc.), please contact Susan Randolph, Director of Alumni Relations at Susan.Randolph@avila.edu.

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Colorado Connections

Susan Randolph, Director of Alumni Relations, poses with Alice Dempsey '45 during lunch on Avila's alumni trip to Colorado. Alice lives in Colorado Springs and served as hostess to Susan Randolph and Susan Walker, director of development, while they were in the area.



Alumni Award Recipients for 2008



The 2008 award winners pose with President Slepitzka.

Alumni Award in Psychology Judge Edith L. Messina, '66
 Alumni Award in Social Work Fran Betzen Cook, '99
 Alumni Award in Education Dr. Sandy K. Clutter, '76
 Alumni Award in Education Nicole King, '90
 Recent Alumni Award Tekia S. Thompson, '02
 Alumni Achievement Award Mary Ellen Jenison, '82
 Graduate Alumni Award Sandra Sipes, '88
 Lifetime Board Member Linda Morris Shaffer, '86
 Lifetime Board Member Derek E. Feagans, '95
 Honored Class Award Margaret Clossick Hurley, '68
 Honorary Alumnus Dr. Laura Sloan
 Alumni Service Award Karen Baum, '94
 Outstanding Alumnus Joyce Ann Fox, '66

Alumni Association reaches out to local employers

On Dec. 19, 2008, Cerner hosted its employees who are current Avila students and alumni at a reception at Cliff's Café. Guests were treated to delicious food, good company and Avila logo wear. President Ron Slepitzka attended, greeting the participants and visiting with alumni about their Avila experiences and career successes since graduation. Avila is grateful to Cerner for their generous support of the University and proud that our alumni are an important part of the impact Cerner is making on the health care field.

The Advancement Office and School of Business also hosted a table at the Kansas City office of Blue Cross/Blue Shield where a significant number of our alumni are employed. On a cold, snowy day, Avila staff and alums at BCBS visited over treats and hot chocolate.

These receptions are a fun way for Avila to visit with our alumni, offer information about the University to prospective students and thank the host company for their support of Avila. If you work at a company or organization with other Avila alums, please contact us to arrange an event at your worksite!



Avila alumni and current students employed by Cerner enjoy the reception with President Slepitzka.

'32 Dolores Riley passed away November 19, 2008.

'38 Marie R. (Romer) Murphy passed away on October 17, 2008. After graduating from Avila, Marie worked as a school principal.

'57 Mary Ann (McCowen) Tilton died December 5, 2008, in Greenville, Miss. Mary Ann enjoyed cooking, playing bridge and entertaining. She returned to Kansas City last year to celebrate with several classmates her 50th anniversary graduation from Avila. Mary Ann received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'56 Marceline (Burnett) Blickhan passed away peacefully at her home on November 25, 2008.

'58 Patricia (Stewart) Kuhn died at home on October 26, 2008. She earned her degree in Medical Technology from Avila.

'61 Karen (Myers) Harkness passed away December 6, 2006. In her honor, the clinic play area of Dayton Children's Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio, was dedicated in June of 2008. Karen helped her husband, Larry, with many functions at the medical center, including recruiting staff, hosting dinner parties and serving as a representative of the hospital in many local endeavors.

'73 Betty Jo (Mosby) Kinsey died September 21, 2008. She received a master's degree in education from Avila and spent years teaching nursing students at Saint Luke's Hospital. Betty will be remembered for her devotion to taking care of others, her skills as a nursing instructor and her dedication to her family and many friends.

'74 Susan (Humphrey) Brunetti passed away in 2006. Susan received her bachelor of arts in education from Avila.

'74 Marvin B. Russell, Sr., died September 23, 2008. After he received his bachelor of arts from Avila, he taught school at the Askew School and later was a member of the home school coordinators. He was a firm believer in treating others as he would like to be treated, and treated his students accordingly.

'79 Nancy Ann (Carr) Sullivan died September 7, 2008. When she was 45 years old, Ms. Sullivan returned to school to pursue her music degree at Avila. After graduating, she taught music at St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette's Catholic schools until she retired.

'95 Lisa Ann Jameson passed away August 28, 2008, at her home. She worked in the human resources department at Sprint for 15 years and was a community volunteer at Harvesters and Operation Breakthrough. Lisa received her bachelor's degree in human resources from Avila.

'03 Jim Shannon Conover died December 14, 2008. At the time of his passing, he was teaching gifted and talented students at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy in Kansas City, Mo. Jim received his MA in education from Avila.

Ernest Jones Jr., passed away Sept. 26, 2008. He attended Avila in 2006 and 2007.

Janice Roth passed away September 8, 2008 after fighting a courageous battle with brain cancer. Janice served as an Adjunct Supervisor of the student teachers in the Department of Education at Avila. She was known for her effervescent smile, love and compassion for teaching and her laughter.

Edna Edwina Gaston died February 22, 2008. Edna was once a nursing professor at Avila.

in memoriam

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Avila University gratefully acknowledges the contributions of our generous alumni and friends from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

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The President's Circle

Avila's President's Circle was created in 2007 to recognize the distinguished alumni and friends whose level of private support continues to help transform the institution through planned gifts, lifetime giving and annual contributions. The President's Circle serves to:

- Provide an increasing pattern of generous support to the University to enhance quality in all of its academic endeavors and foster an environment of innovation and service to 'the dear neighbor;'
- Develop the active participation of alumni and friends to serve the institution through close association with the president and University community;
- Recognize those whose generosity serves the welfare and advancement of Avila and its students; and,
- Educate all constituents on the importance of philanthropy at Avila.

Thank you to all of the President's Circle members for your leadership and investment in the future of Avila University!

AVILA HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

The Avila Heritage Society was established in 1988 to recognize the remarkable contributions of our alumni and friends who have made provisions in their estate plans to support the ongoing and future needs of the University or have created an endowed scholarship fund. The following individuals and families are members of the Avila Heritage Society:

Charles J. & Suzanne S. Adams '69'	Paddi Browne O Sullivan	† Clarence H. Goppert	Dr. William J. Louis, '90
Kathleen K. Adams '47	† Joseph H. Bruening	Vita M. Goppert	A. J. Lutz '92
Janie Ahnger '76	Judith Leah Budde '77	† Norman & † Dorothea Gordon	† Ray & † Rose Maher
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Thomas R. & Dyanne L. Bean '95	S. Olive Louise Dallavis, CSJ	† Twila L. Hegarty	The Honorable Karen McCarthy
† Edna A. Bear	† Louis & † Olivia Dallavis	† Mary M. Hill	Marjorie McGonigle '46
Mary Pat Beck '68	Mary Ellen Daly	Evon Hillan '90	† Florence M. McGregor '51
Dianne Y. Bell	Mary Ellen Devine '59	Robert F. Hixson, '74	† Clarabel McLear '59
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† Edwin Borserine	† Mary B. Fleming	† Charles W. Jones	† Elizabeth A. Monahan
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† Margaret Borserine	Frank Fonteyn	† Dr. Pierre & Jane Keitges	Keith Morgan
Julia Boutross	Donald G. Forsythe	Loretta J. Kelley '54	† Robert & † Philomena Muntzel
Mary Jo Bowman '58	† Marie M. Freeman '31	Robert & Rosemary Kilker, '60	Kathryn G. Murphy '58
† Jack U. Brady '80	Dr. Thomas & Anne Smith Fritzlen '53	Jack & Mary Agnes Kitchin '57	† Virginia Murphy '32
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Freddie Reid & Kitty Wyatt Brinkman	† Matty Pat Gilford '46	Anne L. Knopke	† Margaret O'Rielly '18
	† Helen Glynn '19	† Virginia Kruse	† Mary Margaret O'Sullivan '26
		† Tom & Patricia Leathers '74	Jeanne Hamilton Olofson '92 & '94
			† Betty Ann Patti
			† Barbara Pendleton
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Jean Pierre Medaille was a Jesuit missionary whose journeys took him through the towns and villages of south-central France from about 1640-1670. In 1650, he gathered the first six women who would become Sisters of St. Joseph and urged them to "practice spiritual and corporal works of mercy...which will most benefit the dear neighbor."

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